

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Longworth House Office Building 1036
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for the Electrifying Food Distribution Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity for funding is Alameda County Food Bank, 7900 Edgewater Dr. Oakland, CA 94621.

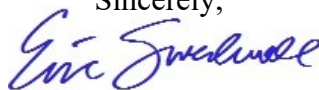
The Alameda County Food Bank's leadership has made a 16-year plan (2024-40) to transition the food bank's truck fleet to all electric vehicles in order to comply with recently passed state regulations to reduce emissions. This project has a significant impact on the community as it not only complies with state regulations but also contributes to reducing emissions and the adverse effects of air pollution on public health.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it helps the food bank comply with state regulations while reducing emissions and the adverse effects of air pollution on public health. The California Air Resources Board's proposed regulation requiring all new trucks to be zero-emissions by 2045 is a clear indication of the urgency to address the harmful impact of diesel-fueled vehicles on the environment. By transitioning its truck fleet to electric vehicles, the ACCFB is taking a step towards reducing its carbon footprint.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2). The project will promote energy conservation and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress